

Buds AND Blossoms

By
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And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food . . . and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.—Gen. 3:6-7.

Figs are the first fruit mentioned in the Bible. It is a small tree here, but in Bible times they grew to a height of 25 feet. The Hebrew meaning of the word is to "spread out." The fruit appear before the leaves.

Fig leaves are used in the East to wrap fruits. They are often sewn together. The fig tree is a very pretty tree in the garden.

It is time to gather wild flowers for drying. A trip in the country will give you months of pleasure from winter bouquets and wall plaques. Grass seed pods should be gathered when they are at the peak of maturity.

Plant autumn crocus now and plant Madonna lilies. Divide iris clumps. It is also time to divide lily-of-the-valley, coral bells and primroses. Doing simple things now in your garden makes a pret-

tier place next spring.

The Simple Things

I pray that I may do with joy the simple things
Of life, which somehow I must do from day to day;
Be it the baking of a loaf of bread
Or planting seed along the golden way.

Those ordinary little tasks which must be done,
I wish to do with a singing heart,
That in the building of my life each day
The work well done will be a perfect part.
Perhaps I may not know how many will be fed,
Or how much joy my blooming flowers bring;
But this I know, the simple thing well done
Will lead me on to some greater thing.

—Hilda Ann Floren.

GARDEN TIME

While the dahlia is not grown as extensively as some of our other flowers, it is highly prized by all who do grow it. Here are some tips for the remainder of the growing season.

Each plant should be side-dressed with a good handful of a complete fertilizer, such as an 8-8-8, about every three weeks until September 1 in the lower mountains and until September 15 east of the mountains.

Buds will usually occur in clusters of three. On the large flowering varieties, the two outer buds should be pinched off and the center bud saved. If a long stem is desired the side branches, or suckers, should be removed from the next two (lower) nodes, or leaf axils, of the stem. Of small flowering varieties the flower buds are not removed but left to develop normally. It is especially important that early disbudding be practiced if you plan to exhibit at a community fair or garden club show this fall.

Spraying for insect pests must not be neglected if you want perfect flowers and foliage. Leaf hoppers, red spiders and some of the plant bugs are especially troublesome and you must keep constantly on the lookout. The corn earworm is a late offender on large buds as they are ready to open. Keep malathion on hand and spray your plants thoroughly. Follow instructions on the container for mixing and proper use.

During the hot summer days you may lose some plants due to one of the soil-borne wilt organisms such as bacterial or Granville wilt. There is no known control for this disease. Dahlias are attacked by nematodes which produce knots on the roots and interfere with absorp-

MOTOR MAIDS



Here's Advice For Women Drivers: Find Out What's Under The Hood

By Jeanne Smith, Dodge Safety Consultant

NOT LONG AGO, during a visit to Los Angeles, I pulled into a service station and asked the attendant to check the water and oil. As usual, I got out of the car to watch as he checked under the hood.

He looked at me in surprise and said, "This is the first time I've ever seen a lady get out of her car while it's being checked. Men almost always do — and women should."



Miss Smith

A few questions brought some good advice from him. I think it will be of interest to most women since so many own cars or are responsible for the upkeep of the family automobile.

"By getting out of the car, you get more service and you can see a trouble spot or worn part that an attendant might want to point out.

"Most women don't know what all the gauges and warning lights on the instrument panel mean," he said. "They should know when the car is overheating or when the oil is low—and heed these warnings immediately.

"Women need to be reminded to have the battery checked periodically, too. What I notice more, though, is the number of batteries and battery cables that need to be cleaned because of

corrosion. Corroded cables can really knock down the performance of a car. But you have to look under that hood to notice it. Many attendants aren't likely to mention it or volunteer to clean it off.

"Brakes are another thing," he said. "Some women must think they last forever, but I have cars come in with the brake pedal right down to the floor.

"You know," he added, "a lot of men, particularly salesmen, keep a record of checks and repairs made on their cars. This is a good idea for women drivers, too."

"Can't you put in a good word for us, anywhere?" I asked, hopefully.

"Sure," he replied, with a grin. "Women, as a rule, keep their windshields cleaner than men do. They're fussy about their windshield wipers, and they're forever having the tires checked.

"One more thing," he said, as I started my car, "I've never had a woman ask to have the fluid in the automatic transmission checked, and that should be done every time you have the oil changed.

"But I must admit," he concluded, "there are some women who know a lot about cars—and few men who can even boil an egg!"

For favorable additions to salads try some of these: chives, parsley, carrot tops and roots, scallions, onions, cauliflower, green peppers, tomatoes, turnip, celery, cucumber, radishes, bits of cheese, avocado, beets, pineapple, chopped olives.

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Home Safety Leaves Out Man of the House Often

Remember the popular song on the theme of this being a "woman's world, when she's in love"?

Well, according to the National Safety Council, it's not only when she's in love that woman has the things of this world in her favor. "It's a woman's world as far as safety is concerned, too," the Council says. "We concentrate on telling women how to keep alive around the house. We virtually ignore the man of the family."

"Yet, working-age males are dying almost twice as fast in home accidents as women, a 16-state survey shows, despite the fact that men spend a lot less time around

the house than women.

"Why are men dying so fast? If there's a hazardous job to be done" the Council explains, "the man does it. His exposure to danger is greater than his wife's, and his work at home involves more hazardous tools than she uses in doing household chores.

"Women can keep their men alive. Encourage your husband or boy friend to play it safe when working around the house (or driving his car, for that matter) and to buy the right safety equipment.

"Let's not kill off the man in the home."

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